

of 0.25 show a relative insensitivity in the range around the midpoint, so that a particularly sensitive setting by the operator is provided here.

5 What is claimed, is

1. An operating element having an actuation element and a pickup, which generates position signals corresponding to the position of the actuation element,  
10 which signals can be translated into numerical values by means of a converter and are available as numerical values at an output,

wherein

the numerical values can be translated into numerical  
15 values in accordance with a selectable assignment characteristic curve in a converter, and wherein the operating element can be fed a control quantity, which effects the selection of a specific assignment characteristic curve.

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2. The operating element as claimed in claim 1, wherein the achievable range of the numerical values available at the output encompasses the range of the position signals.

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3. The operating element as claimed in claim 1, wherein the gradient of the assignment characteristic curve can be set in the range around the central position of the actuation element.

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4. The operating element as claimed in claim 1, wherein the assignment characteristic curve is centrosymmetrical with respect to the central position of the actuation element.

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5. The operating element as claimed in claim 1, wherein the conversion of the position signals into numerical values available at the output correspond to

a fine resolution in the range around the central position of the actuation element and to a coarse resolution in the region of the smallest and largest position signals, respectively.

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6. The operating element as claimed in claim 1, wherein the conversion of the position signals into numerical values available at the output correspond to a coarse resolution in the range around the central position of the actuation element and to a fine resolution in the region of the smallest and largest position signals, respectively.

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7. The operating element as claimed in claim 1, wherein the selection of an assignment characteristic curve by means of the control quantity corresponds to a selection of the sensitivity of the actuation element.

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8. An arrangement for processing video and/or audio signals having an operating element as claimed in any one of the preceding claims 1 to 6.

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9. The arrangement as claimed in claim 7, wherein the processing of the signals comprises the correction of color signals.

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10. The arrangement as claimed in claim 7, wherein the processing of the signals comprises the setting of picture brightness and/or picture contrast.

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11. The arrangement as claimed in claim 7, wherein the processing comprises the selection of the position in an editing control unit.

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12. The arrangement as claimed in claim 7, wherein the processing comprises the setting of the pitch.